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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIS).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 21, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDY HARRIS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Gene Hemrick, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., offered the following prayer:

Fyodor Dostoevsky wrote: "To live without hope is to cease to live."

We pray, Lord, that our U.S. Congress will continue to be a beacon of hope, which is its greatest gift to our Nation and nations around the world. May its mission be that of replacing despondency with the cheerfulness that comes from looking forward to the next day.

May the U.S. Congress grow in hope's life-giving powers, for as St. Paul states: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen," and as Dr. Martin Luther King reminds us: "Everything that is done in the world is done by hope."

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 2(a) of House Resolution 475, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

JANUARY 28, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER: Please accept this letter as written notice of my resignation from my appointment to the House Committee on the Budget effective immediately.

I have been honored to serve on the Budget Committee since my first term in Congress and value the importance of the work of the Committee. I welcomed the opportunity to be a voice for my constituents as we debated the federal Budget each year. Throughout my tenure on this prestigious Committee I have been committed to ensuring that we meet our obligations to our children, our seniors, to invest in economic growth, and to do so in a balanced and responsible way. It was a privilege to be able to serve on the Budget Committee.

Thank you for your understanding of this decision and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, February 21, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Capitol, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On February 11, 2014, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider resolutions to authorize 17 prospectuses, including seven leases, eight alteration projects, and two capital projects, included in the General Services Administration's FY2014 Capital Investment and Leasing Program.

Our Committee continues to work to cut waste and the cost of federal property and leases. The lease resolutions approved by the Committee will save the taxpayer \$28.6 million annually or \$400 million over the terms of the leases. All alteration and capital projects approved are within amounts appropriated in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. These resolutions ensure savings through shrinking the space requirements of agencies and efficiencies created through consolidation. In addition, the Committee has included space utilization requirements in each of the lease resolutions to ensure agencies are held to appropriate utilization rates.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 11, 2014.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
ALTERATION—ENERGY AND WATER RETROFIT
AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, VARIOUS
BUILDINGS

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized to implement energy and water retrofit and conservation measures in Government-owned buildings

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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